

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hirofumi Takei

Appln. No.: 10/701,504

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD

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**Mail Stop Amendment**Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated October 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: